

Remarks

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated January 10, 2007, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 10, 2007. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

In the specification, the paragraphs [0001] [0077], [0089], [0093], [0101], [0121], [0124], [0129], [0132], [0145], [0147], [0160], [0193], [0194], [0198], [0207]-[0210], [0219], [0227], [0234], [0241], [0263], [0264], and [0266] have been amended to correct minor editorial problems.

Claims 1, 20, 25, 35, 38, and 56 are amended to correct matters of form. These amendments are not presented to distinguish a reference, thus, the claims as amended are entitled to a full range of equivalents if not previously amended to distinguish a reference.

Claims 1-58 remain pending in the application and are shown above. Claims 1-58 stand rejected by the Examiner. Reconsideration of the rejected claims is requested for the reasons presented below.

Claims 1-58 stand rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-67 of U.S. Patent No. 7,125,477. A terminal disclaimer is attached hereto. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In conclusion, the references cited by the Examiner, alone or in combination, do not teach, show, or suggest the invention as claimed.

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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